



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Housing: Question on Value (H-19)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USES OF DATA ABOUT HOUSING VALUE

- The Department of Commerce uses these data to develop personal income estimates that are used by federal agencies to allocate over \$90 billion dollars to state and local areas.
- The Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division uses these data in enforcement efforts to eliminate and remedy unlawful discrimination in housing.
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development requires state and local governments to provide an inventory of housing units compared with an assessment of the needs of families residing in the jurisdiction.
- Individuals use these data when considering relocating.
- Businesses use these data for selecting office/plant sites and for marketing products and services.
- State and local governments, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

QUESTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

19 What is the value of this property; that is, how much do you think this house and lot, apartment, or mobile home and lot, would sell for if it were for sale?

☐ Less than \$10,000
☐ \$10,000 to \$14,999
☐ \$15,000 to \$19,999
☐ \$20,000 to \$24,999
☐ \$25,000 to \$29,999
☐ \$30,000 to \$34,999
☐ \$35,000 to \$39,999
☐ \$40,000 to \$49,999
☐ \$50,000 to \$59,999
☐ \$60,000 to \$69,999
☐ \$70,000 to \$79,999
☐ \$80,000 to \$89,999
☐ \$90,000 to \$99,999
☐ \$100,000 to \$124,999
☐ \$125,000 to \$149,999
☐ \$150,000 to \$174,999
☐ \$175,000 to \$199,999
☐ \$200,000 to \$249,999
☐ \$250,000 or more – Specify

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EXAMPLES OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR HOUSING VALUE DATA

- Fair Housing Act
- Equal Credit Opportunity Act
- National Affordable Housing, Subchapter I—State and Local Housing Strategies, Title 42, Chapter 130

[<www.census.gov/acs/www>](http://www.census.gov/acs/www)



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HISTORY OF THE HOUSING VALUE QUESTION

- The question on value has been asked since 1930.
- A question on this topic also was asked on the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that collects socioeconomic and housing information and is the planned replacement for the long form in the 2010 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the ACS in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Hawaiian Home Land, and in Puerto Rico, once it is fully implemented, pending Congressional funding. The ACS has been tested across the country since 1996.

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

This question reflects the respondent's estimates of the current dollar value of the property, rather than the construction cost or purchase price. This item excludes renter-occupied housing units.

HOW CAN I SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ?

The information collected from these tests is published on the Census Bureau's Web site at:

<www.census.gov/acs/www>

and American FactFinder at:

<<http://factfinder.census.gov>>

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